

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kansas
COUNTY:	Saline
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME	
COMMON:	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Schwartz, A. J., House 169-4900-183

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
636 East Iron			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Salina		First--Keith Sebelius	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Kansas	67401	Saline	169

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME:			
Mr. Ronald Richmond			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
636 East Iron			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Salina	Kansas	67401	20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
Register of Deeds			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Saline County Courthouse			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
Salina	Kansas	67401	20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
NONE			
DATE OF SURVEY:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
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7. DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The A. J. Schwartz house, which is designed in the Renaissance style, is a T-shaped, two-story building with a basement and an attic. It faces north and is approximately 40 feet long and 40 feet deep with an overall height of 30 feet.

The exterior walls are constructed of common brick laid in a running bond pattern and are presently painted a pale yellow. Limestone trim is used to enhance the window and door openings. The brick walls rest on a simple stone base.

The roof form is a slightly curved mansard terminating in a flat roof. A small hip roof is used over the rear portion of the building. The mansard roof and the hip roof are covered with wood shingles which have angled exposed portions giving a scalloped look to the roof surface. The roof is separated from the walls below by a projecting cornice supported on a series of closely spaced brackets. Elaborate coupled brackets are used to emphasize the corners.

Windows on the first floor have simple smooth cut stone sills and shallow arched heads. The head stone is smooth cut and projects partly down each side. Second floor windows have semicircular arched heads and simple sills. The attic floor windows which project through the mansard roof also have semicircular arched heads. The main entrance is a simple rectangular opening with a canopy roof. Directly above the entrance the second floor windows are paired and at the attic the central window is flanked by two smaller windows. A frame bay is built on the rear of the house at the first floor.

The exterior of the Schwartz house, except for the front porch canopy, is believed to be basically unaltered. A frame porch with Greek style pillars, which was not original, was removed when the house was restored and the present copper-sheeted entrance way was installed. Originally the roof was metal, and the present owner hopes some day to restore that.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1875

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture _____ | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The A. J. Schwartz house was built in 1875 for Alphonse J. Schwartz, who came to Kansas from Pennsylvania in the 1860's. Schwartz was prominent in Salina's commercial affairs, erecting a number of business blocks and engaging in a number of enterprises, most notably in the hardware business.

Early in 1875 Schwartz began plans to build a three-story brick home for his new bride, Aggie Geis Schwartz. George Krueger, a prominent Salina contractor and architect, was chosen to construct the residence, and a Mr. Keeler received the contract for the brick work. Local newspapers followed the construction of the Schwartz house with interest, reporting the excavation and foundation work in April and the completion of the first floor brick work in June. On July 15, 1875, the Saline County Journal stated, "Mr. A. J. Schwartz's residence is to be 'topped off' with a French roof--the first roof of the Frenchy order in Salina." The same newspaper on November 11, 1875, informed its readers that Schwartz was installing gas and water pipes even though the city had neither gas nor water works because he expected Salina soon to have these conveniences and he didn't want the plaster work of his new house disturbed. The house was evidently ready for occupancy by late 1875 or early 1876.

Schwartz died within ten years after the house was built, but his family continued to live there for a time after his death. Later occupants of the house built a white railed porch with Greek-style pillars on the front. In the early 1900's, a fireplace was added and a knob and tube electrical system was installed. In the mid-1940's the structure was converted into apartments by adding two frame wings, thus changing the original "T-shape" floor plan.

The present owner, Salina architect Ronald Richmond, purchased the house in 1967 to restore it to its original style and condition. Besides replacing 7,500 soft sand bricks, Richmond removed the frame additions, replaced the front porch with a copper-sheeted entrance way, restored original doorknobs and other hardware, and modernized the electrical system. After completing restoration processes in 1968, Richmond established his architectural offices in the home.

The A. J. Schwartz house is an extremely well-preserved example of a Kansas residence designed in the Renaissance influence style

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8. of architecture. Because the present owner felt restoration of this house would preserve a part of his community's past, the Schwartz house now stands in as excellent condition as it did in the late 19th century.

The house is important to the architectural heritage of Salina since it boasts the city's first Mansard roof.

9. Saline County Journal (Salina), January 14, February 18, April 22, June 3, July 15, November 11, 1875; January 11, 1877.
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0		35 50 25	97	36 04
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charles L. Hall, ARchitectural Consultant
 Richard D. Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: December 15, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name

Nyle H. Miller
 Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director, Kansas
State Historical Society

Date December 18, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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